

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (currently amended): A tear open package made of a multi-layer coextruded ~~laminated~~ sealable film with balanced tear start and tear propagation properties of the tear open package in crosswise and lengthwise direction of the film wherein said film has ~~at least~~ three layers ~~including~~ namely a core layer comprising ~~formed from~~ a polyolefin ~~or a polymer mixture with a high polyolefin content~~, and on each side of said core layer an adjacent layer forming an outside layer which comprises a polymer mixture of

- a) 20 to 80 wt. % cycloolefin copolymer (COC) and
- b) remainder a member selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin and an ethylene copolymer.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said ~~film has a three-layer structure including said core comprising one layer having~~ has a core layer thickness and each adjacent layer forming an outside layer having ~~has~~ an outside layer thickness, said core thickness being a multiple of the outside layer thickness.

Claims 18-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein the cycloolefin copolymer is an ethylene/norbornene copolymer produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said member is a linear low-density polyethylene.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said member is a polypropylene.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said film has a thickness of least 15 μm .

Claim 24 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said film is produced by a flat film extrusion process or an extrusion blowing process.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein before further processing, said film is subjected to a finishing process selected from the group consisting of lamination, imprinting, and coating.

Claims 26-31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (new): A tear open package made of a coextruded sealable film with balanced tear start and tear propagation properties of the tear open package in crosswise and lengthwise direction of the film wherein said film has three layers namely first and second outside layers and one core layer wherein said first outside layer is formed from a polyolefin, said second outside layer comprises a polymer mixture of

- a) 20 to 80 wt. % cycloolefin copolymer (COC) and
- b) remainder a member selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin and an ethylene copolymer

and said core layer is formed from a polymer mixture of cycloolefin copolymers and polyolefins having a polyolefin content less than said first outside layer and greater than said second outside layer.

Claim 33 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein said core layer has a core layer thickness and each of said first and second layers has an outside layer thickness, said core layer thickness being a multiple of the outside layer thickness.

Claim 34 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein the cycloolefin copolymer is an ethylene/norbornene copolymer produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 35 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein said member is a linear low-density polyethylene.

Claim 36 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein said member is a polypropylene.

Claim 37 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein said film has a thickness of least 15 µm.

Claim 38 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein said film is produced by a flat film extrusion process or an extrusion blowing process.

Claim 39 (new): The tear open package according to claim 32, wherein before further processing, said film is subjected to a finishing process selected from the group consisting of lamination, imprinting, and coating.